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SUBJECT: PLOTTING BY HAITIAN EXILE LEADERS TO OVERTHROW
THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT

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1. INFORMATION REFTEL IS FROM RELIABLE SOURCE AND WE
BELIEVE SOME SUCH PLOT MAY WELL BE AFOOT. QUESTION OF
WARNING DUVALIER AT ONCE ARISES AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR RECOMMENDATION ASAP.

2. IF WE WERE TO WARN DUVALIER OF PLOT, IT WOULD HAVE TO
BE IN GENERALITIES, WITH NO RPT NO NAMES GIVEN. AS WE HAVE
NO DATE, ONLY CONCRETE DETAIL WE COULD GIVE DUVALIER WOULD
BE LOCALE, I.E. DURING ONE OF HIS DAILY AUTO EXCURSIONS.
HE COULD OF COURSE CURTAIL SUCH EXCURSIONS, BUT THAT
WOULD NOT NECESSARILY ABORT THE PLOT.

3. AGAINST ALERTING DUVALIER IS POSSIBILITY THAT WARNING
WOULD IN ITSELF SHARPLY SET BACK IF NOT REVERSE RECENT
MOVES TOWARD LIBERALIZATION OF REGIME. WITH NO RPT NO

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SPECIFICS TO ACT ON, DUVALIER MIGHT REACT BY GENERAL

CRACKDOWN. THIS RISK MUST BE SET AGAINST CHAOS WHICH MIGHT
WELL ENSUE IN CASE OF SUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

4. AS TIME MAY BE VERY SHORT, REQUEST NIACT IMMEDIATE
REPLY. KISSINGER

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